27. Difficulties experienced by Jenmies under the present Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation.

Mr. Trivikramar Vasudevar (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) represented that the Jenmi-Kudiyan Amendment Bill should be introduced in the Legislative Council only after hearing the objections the Jenmies had to make with a view to safeguard their interests, which were hardly represented in the Council. He next referred to the replies given the previous day to the two representations of the Kottayam Jenmi-Member. He said that the rule that the tax on *pandarapattom* lands demised on *kanom* would be realised only from the pattadar Jenmi worked hardship, for the Jenmi would be able to recover the amount from the defaulting tenants only after 12 years. To remove this difficulty he suggested that, without seeking the help of the legislature, it might be ruled that the tax would be recovered from tenants as per list of tenants supplied to Government by the Jenmi, and that, if that was considered impracticable, there would be no objection to the Jenmi even to a *pokkuvaravu* patta being issued to the tenants.

The President observed that the above prayer was against the provisions of the Revenue Recovery Regulation and that it would lead to the Jenmi's land being sold in auction without his knowledge for arrears of tax due on the land.

To this the Member replied that, in that case, it would be enough if the old arrangement of allowing the occupant of the land to pay tax in the name of the registry-holder was re-introduced.

He next spoke about the hardship of the new decision of the High Court in the matter of compensation due to the Jenmi on kanom lands acquired for public purposes. Under the old practice the Jenmi was entitled to a three-fourth share of the compensation in the land and to a one-fourth share in the trees.

President's reply.—The Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation Amendment Bill has been drafted by the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil and submitted to the Government. It will be arranged to be published in the Gazette and introduced at the next meeting of the Council.

In regard to the difficulty you mention *re.* the demand of tax from Jenmies in respect of *pandarapattom* lands demised by them on *kanom*, I shall see that an amendment is introduced in the demand notice *re.* payment of kist, enabling *kanomdars* in such cases to tender payments in *pakuthi* cutcherries on behalf of the pattadars. Nothing more appears necessary. There is no difficulty in respect of the payment of tax on Jenmom lands demised on *kanom*.

28. Administration of Civil Justice.

Mr. H. Anantasubrahmanya Aiyar (Member, Tovala taluk) premised his representation by saying that his endeavour was to propose means to expedite, as far as possible, the trial of cases in civil courts, to reduce the strength and cost of the Judicial Department, and thereby to bring down the litigious spirit of the people. He then dealt with the statistics of the Munsiffs' and District Courts here and in British India and pointed out that the total charges here for civil administration in 1098 amounted to Rs. 10,42,600 which worked out at Rs. 15 nearly per suit, while in the Madras Presidency the total charges for 1915 amounted to Rs. 21,39,218, the average charge per suit being a little below Rs. 4.

The Member complained that at present summons was not generally served on the parties and many tricks were played by the process-servers in collution with the plaintiffs. A plaintiff was able to obtain a decree and execute the same without giving any information to the defendant who came to know about the case only after the amin appeared to attach his movables. To remedy this defect he proposed that summonses be served through the agency of the Pakuthi officers who were expected to know each and every person in their *pakuthies*. The service must also be made compulsory before the cases were proceeded with. The Member said that the practice of granting any number of adjournments to the defendants for filing written statements and depositing the bundles for almost a year and more in a safe corner in the Munsiff's house for framing issues should be put a stop to and the issues be

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